

Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Biography

John Ullyot

Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. John Ullyot is the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Mr. Ullyot oversees public affairs, intergovernmental affairs, media relations, digital media, public outreach and engagement, including for homeless Veterans and tribal relations. He plays a critical role in guiding VA's public and internal communications strategies and engagements.

Mr. Ullyot has over two decades' experience in strategic counsel, media relations and issues management in the public and private sectors. He has led strategic engagements with some of the world's most respected companies and CEOs on many high-profile issues, including major product recalls, earnings, mergers, litigation, regulatory scrutiny, and Congressional testimony.



Mr. Ullyot served for seven years on the staff of the United States Senate as a senior policy advisor for two veteran U.S. Senators and as communications director for two Senate Committees, Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services. In the private sector, he was vice president of corporate communications for AOL Europe, Washington spokesman for Intel, and a longtime senior communications counselor at several top public relations firms including Hill+Knowlton Strategies and Brighton Strategy Group.

Mr. Ullyot received his Bachelor of Arts in Government-International Relations from Harvard University, and served as an Intelligence Officer and Scout Sniper Platoon Commander in the United States Marine Corps.